

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the specification as shown below:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 4, of the specification:

This application is the national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051068, filed June 9, 2004, and claims priority of Italian Application No. MI2003A001156, filed June 9, 2003, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 14 as follows:

Preferably oligonucleotides or nucleic acids of the invention include the following decamers or the corresponding complementary sequences: 5' ATCAGTGACT 3' (~~seq IDN 23~~) SEQ ID NO:25 including the underlined polymorphism and responsible for the G80S mutation, 5' GATGATTGCC 3' (~~seq IDN 24~~) SEQ ID NO:26 including underlined polymorphism and responsible for the mutation N174I, 5' GAAACATCTG 3' (~~seq IDN 25~~) SEQ ID NO:27 including underlined polymorphism and responsible for the mutation Q248H.